

**DOCKET NO.: 98-51 US****REMARKS**

By first Office Action mailed October 20, 2005, claims 1-13 stand allowed and claims 14-16 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 17-19 were rejected and claims 18 and 20 were the subject of objection. Claim 20 appears to have been filed in error.

Applicant addresses the outstanding rejection and amends the subject claims accordingly.

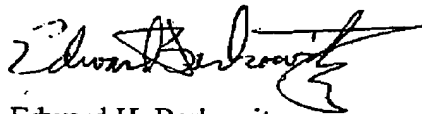
**Rejection per §102(b)**

Claims 17 and 19 were rejected as anticipated by Cosgrove, et al, of record. Claim 17 is proposed for amendment by incorporation therein of the substance of dependent claim 18. It is then clear that the latched register comprises more than a simple data latching structure and function through the increment portion and adder for modifying the argument contained in the register. It is easily confirmed that the data latches of Cosgrove et al, at figure 1, contains no more than a simple data latching structure.

**Conclusion**

Rejected claims are here amended in a manner believed sufficient for clear distinction over prior art. Claims 17 and 19 are therefore believed to be allowable and such action is respectfully solicited.

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